

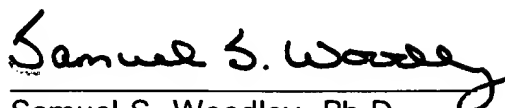
REMARKS

The claims have been amended solely to cancel claims directed to non-elected subject matter and to recite the necessary priority information in the specification. The amendments do not, therefore, introduce new matter to the instant application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in the instant or in other, related patent applications. Upon entry of the above amendment, therefore, claims 13-26 will be pending in this application.

The specification has also been amended. In particular, the first paragraph of the specification has been amended to incorporate a reference to each prior patent application to which priority is claimed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). The specification has also been amended to harmonize the specification with the formal drawings submitted herewith. These amendments to the specification do not add new matter.

Entry of the above amendment into the file history of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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